

Something Old, Something New

In September 1994, the first issue of a new journal called *Chemistry & Biology* was published. The founding editors, Stuart Schreiber and K.C. Nicolaou, opened the issue with an editorial titled “Crossing the Boundaries,” emphasizing the impact of merging the two title disciplines. They envisioned the new journal to be a potent and vocal facilitator of the process of blurring and leaping boundaries, to arm biologists with unique chemical tools for delving deeper into the investigation of life, and to provide chemists with a view of biological frontiers. Over the years, the journal pursued this mission supported by the efforts of its founding editors; a dynamic group of associate editors including Patrick Baeuerle, Gerald Joyce, Gregory Verdine, Peter Leadlay, Thomas Kodadek, Ronald Breaker, and Peter Seeberger; founding managing editor and then reviews editor and consulting editor Rebecca Ward; dedicated in-house editors Victoria Mountain, Gail Mitchell Emilsson, and Lara Szewczak; past and present members of the editorial board; and the wider scientific community, whose members continue to contribute to the journal as authors and reviewers. In 2002, *Chemistry & Biology* joined the Cell Press family of journals and continues to be published under the Cell Press brand.

This September, *Chemistry & Biology* is glad to welcome to the journal 19 new editorial board members. At this time, we would like to acknowledge the contributions and support we received from those who are stepping down and thank them for their years of service. We would also like to emphasize our appreciation for the efforts that our current board members continue to make on behalf of the journal, serving as advisors, journal ambassadors, and as both expert scientific and editorial policy resources. We encourage you to find more information about the *Chemistry & Biology* editorial board on our website (<http://www.cell.com/chemistry-biology/contact>).

Chemistry & Biology has undergone several transformations since its inception. Over the last few years, there has been significant expansion of initiatives and online resources, and the journal is poised to undergo further exciting transformations as the nature of presenting and communicating scientific information evolves in the online environment. Furthermore, the community of researchers working at the interface of chemistry and biology itself has experienced changes, with amazing progress and achieved milestones in the existing fields; exploration of boldly different directions; and the emergence of new frontiers. In the publishing community, our colleagues have realized the growing importance of the interface between chemistry and biology with the initiation of journals such as *ChemBioChem*, *Nature Chemical Biology*, and *ACS Chemical Biology*. We welcome the expansion of journals specifically dedicated to the interface of chemistry and biology and look forward to building a long-lasting vibrant community of researchers and publishers. By expanding our editorial board, we hope to embrace new developments, explore different ideas, and encourage discussions across the disciplines.

Ultimately, the impetus of *Chemistry & Biology* remains the same as it was when the journal was launched: to facilitate dissemination of ideas across the boundaries of chemistry and biology by engaging scientists whose interests transverse the disciplines and by enticing onlookers to embark on new journeys of scientific discovery by illustrating the fruitfulness of this synergy.

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